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EUR/CE FOR AMBASSADOR BOLEN AND MR. GRAY

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SUBJECT: ARRIVAL PROCEDURES AND SUGGESTED STATEMENTS

- FOR AMBASSADOR BOLEN

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SUMMARY: THIS MESSAGE OUTLINES GDR PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS PROCEDURES FOR NEW AMBASSADOR. IT IS NOT CUSTOMARY HERE FOR NEW AMBASSADOR TO MAKE FORMAL ARRIVAL OR PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS STATEMENTS. WE INCLUDE, HOWEVER, DRAFT REMARKS FOR A POSSIBLE MEETING AT THE AIRPORT BY THE AMBASSADOR WITH MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES AND FOR THE AMBASSADOR'S MEETING WITH CHIEF OF STATE HONECKER. THE PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS CEREMONY INCLUDES THE PARTICIPATION OF EAST GERMAN MILITARY HONOR UNITS, BUT WE SEE NO WAY TO AVOID THIS. END SUMMARY.

1. EMBASSY IS DELIGHTED AT SENATE'S CONFIRMATION OF AMBASSADOR BOLEN AND WELCOMES THE ARRIVAL OF AMBASSADOR AND MRS. BOLEN. THE FOLLOWING RESPONDS TO QUESTIONS IN REFTEL.

2. HONECKER HAS RETURNED TO THE GDR FROM VACATION. IN A DISCUSSION JULY 29 WITH MFA PROTOCOL SECTION DEPUTY CHIEF MARSCHNER, WE WERE TOLD FOREIGN MINISTER FISCHER HAS NOT

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YET TAKEN A HOLIDAY BUT MOST LIKELY WILL BE IN EAST BERLIN AT THE END OF AUGUST. MARSCHNER WOULD NOT, HOWEVER, COMMIT HIMSELF TO SAYING WHAT FISCHER'S SCHEDULE WOULD BE THE LAST WEEK OF AUGUST AND THE FIRST DAYS OF SEPTEMBER. WE ASSUME THE GDR WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO HAVE FISCHER, AS WELL AS HONECKER, RECEIVE THE AMBASSADOR EVEN THOUGH THE END OF AUGUST AND THE FIRST PART OF SEPTEMBER ARE

SHAPING UP TO BE A BUSY TIME FOR THE GDR LEADERSHIP IN TERMS OF HIGH-LEVEL FOREIGN VISITS.

3. THE FOLLOWING IS GDR PROCEDURE FOR WELCOMING NEW AMBASSADORS AT SCHOENEFELD AIRPORT. THE MFA CHIEF OF PROTOCOL, AMBASSADOR JAHSNOWSKI, GREETS THE AMBASSADOR AND FAMILY AS THEY ALIGHT FROM THE PLANE. (DCM AND MRS. POLANSKY WILL ALSO BE PRESENT.) JAHSNOWSKI THEN TAKES PARTY TO AN AIRPORT VIP ROOM FOR A BRIEF INFORMAL WELCOME, DURING WHICH TIME BEVERAGES ARE SERVED. SIX ADDITIONAL MEMBERS OF THE EMBASSY STAFF WILL MEET THE AMBASSADOR AND MRS. BOLEN AT THIS POINT. JAHSNOWSKI THEN ESCORTS THE AMBASSADOR AND MRS. BOLEN TO THE AMBASSADOR'S CAR, AT WHICH POINT JAHSNOWSKI TAKES HIS LEAVE.

4. IT IS NOT THE CUSTOM FOR NEW AMBASSADORS TO MAKE FORMAL ARRIVAL STATEMENTS EITHER TO JAHSNOWSKI OR TO THE MEDIA AT THE AIRPORT. WE ARE TOLD THAT GDR MEDIA DO NOT COVER THE ARRIVAL OF NEW AMBASSADORS, AND THEREFORE WILL NOT BE PRESENT WHEN AMBASSADOR BOLEN ARRIVES. AT THE SAME TIME, THE GDR HAS NO OBJECTION IF WESTERN MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES COME TO THE AIRPORT TO HAVE A SESSION WITH AMBASSADOR BOLEN, BUT THIS CAN NOT TAKE PLACE UNTIL AFTER HE HAS LEFT THE VIP ROOM.

5. WE ANTICIPATE INTEREST AMONG THE PRESS CORPS IN EAST
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AND WEST BERLIN IN THE AMBASSADOR'S ARRIVAL. AS THE DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, MOST MAJOR U.S. NEWS ORGANIZATIONS ARE REPRESENTED IN WEST BERLIN ALTHOUGH NONE HAS RESIDENT CORRESPONDENTS IN EAST BERLIN. IF THE AMBASSADOR WISHES, THE EMBASSY COULD INFORM MEMBERS OF THE PRESS CORPS IN EAST AND WEST BERLIN OF HIS ARRIVAL AND HIS WILLINGNESS TO ANSWER QUESTIONS THEY MIGHT WISH TO PUT TO HIM AT THE AIRPORT. ANOTHER POSSIBILITY, WHICH WE THINK MIGHT BE PREFERABLE, WOULD BE TO INFORM THE MEDIA OF THE AMBASSADOR'S ARRIVAL, STATING AT THE SAME TIME THAT ONCE HE HAS PRESENTED HIS CREDENTIALS, HE LOOKS FORWARD TO AN EARLY MEETING WITH MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES.

6. IN THE EVENT THE AMBASSADOR PREFERS TO MEET MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES AT THE AIRPORT AND WISHES TO MAKE AN ARRIVAL STATEMENT, WE WOULD PROPOSE REMARKS ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES:

BEGIN TEXT.

- I AM PLEASED TO BE HERE, TO CONTINUE THE WORK BEGUN BY MY DISTINGUISHED PREDECESSOR, AMBASSADOR JOHN SHERMAN COOPER. AS YOU KNOW, RELATIONS BETWEEN THE GDR

AND THE UNITED STATES ARE COMPARATIVELY NEW. SOME INITIAL CONSTRUCTIVE STEPS HAVE BEEN TAKEN, BUT MORE CAN BE DONE. IT IS, THEREFORE, WITH A SENSE OF DEEP RESPONSIBILITY THAT I TAKE UP MY PRESENT POSITION, WITH THE AIM OF CONTRIBUTING TO BETTER MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND MOVING OUR RELATIONS FORWARD IN AREAS OF INTEREST TO BOTH PARTIES. I BELIEVE I COME AT A PARTICULARLY FORTUITOUS TIME, SHORTLY AFTER THE ADVENT OF A NEW ADMINISTRATION IN WASH-

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INGTON AND AT A TIME WHEN ATTENTION IS BEING DEVOTED TO SUCH IMPORTANT WORK AS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT, WHICH BOTH OF OUR GOVERNMENTS HAVE SIGNED. I LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING AND WORKING WITH GDR OFFICIALS AND TO THE OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT MY GOVERNMENT'S VIEWS ON IMPORTANT BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL ISSUES TO APPROPRIATE GDR REPRESENTATIVES. MRS. BOLEN AND I ARE DELIGHTED TO BE HERE. THANK YOU.
END TEXT.

7. POSSIBLE PRESS QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS IN THE EVENT THE AMBASSADOR MEETS WITH MEDIA REPS AT AIRPORT TO ANSWER QUESTIONS.

Q: DO YOU BRING ANY SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CARTER TO MR. HONECKER?

A: I BRING NO SPECIAL MESSAGE. AT THE SAME TIME, I CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO PRESIDENT CARTER'S MESSAGE TO MR. HONECKER IN CONNECTION WITH OUR JULY 4TH INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION, IN WHICH THE PRESIDENT THANKED M. HONECKER FOR HIS EXPRESSION OF GOOD WILL AND FRIENDSHIP.

Q: IT HAS BEEN ONE YEAR SINCE THE U.S. HAS HAD AN AMBASSADOR TO THE GDR. DO YOU ATTRIBUTE ANY SIGNIFICANCE TO THIS FACT? FOR EXAMPLE, DID WE MEAN THEREBY TO SIGNAL

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OUR DISPLEASURE OVER GDR ACTIONS IN AND AROUND BERLIN AT THE TURN OF THIS YEAR?

A: THE ABSENCE OF A U.S. AMBASSADOR HAD NO POLITICAL OR OTHER MEANING. WITH THE CHANGE OF ADMINISTRATIONS THERE IS A PROCESS OF NAMING NEW AMBASSADORS, WHICH OF COURSE TAKES TIME. WITH RESPECT TO GDR ACTIONS IN AND AROUND BERLIN AT THE TURN OF THE YEAR, WE HAVE USED VARIOUS OCCASIONS, WHICH I DO NOT WANT TO DWELL ON HERE, TO EXPRESS OUR DISPLEASURE AND TO REITERATE THE IMPORTANCE THE U.S. PLACES ON MAINTAINING THE STATUS OF BERLIN.

Q: HOW DO YOU ASSESS THE CURRENT STATE OF THE U.S.-GDR RELATIONS?

A: AS I INDICATED IN MY BRIEF STATEMENT, OUR RELATIONS ARE RELATIVELY NEW, LESS THAN THREE YEARS OLD. SOME INITIAL, POSITIVE STEPS HAVE BEEN TAKEN. WE HAVE SIGNED A FISHERIES AGREEMENT; A U.S.-GDR TRADE COMMITTEE HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED; AND WE ARE PLEASED BY THE RESOLUTION OF HUMANITARIAN CASES INVOLVING U.S. CITIZENS. THERE IS, HOWEVER, ROOM FOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENT IN A NUMBER OF AREAS, INCLUDING CONSULAR MATTERS, CLAIMS NEGOTIATIONS, TRADE, AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS, FOR EXAMPLE. I HOPE WE CAN MOVE FORWARD IN THESE AND PERHAPS OTHER AREAS, AND PARTICULARLY ON A CONSULAR CONVENTION.

Q: DO YOU SEE ANY INCONSISTENCY BETWEEN THE POSITION TAKEN BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT ON THE STATUS OF BERLIN AND THE PRESENCE OF THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN EAST BERLIN?

A: I SEE NO INCONSISTENCY. THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS MADE CLEAR TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE GDR OUR POSITION

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ON THE STATUS OF BERLIN AND THE FACT THAT WE HAVE AN EMBASSY IN EAST BERLIN FOR THE PRACTICAL PURPOSE OF BEING ABLE TO COMMUNICATE WITH GDR AUTHORITIES SHOULD IN NO WAY BE TAKEN AS AN INDICATION THAT WE ACCEPT THE EAST GERMAN CONTENTION THAT EAST BERLIN IS THEIR CAPITAL.

Q: ON MAY 12, THE GDR GAVE THE U.S. AN AIDE MEMOIRE IN

WHICH IT SET FORTH A NUMBER OF AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. HOW DOES THIS MATTER STAND?

A: I DON'T WANT TO GO INTO SPECIFICS OF OUR DISCUSSION WITH THE GDR GOVERNMENT ON SUCH MATTERS AT THE PRESENT TIME. THE AIDE MEMOIRE IS UNDER CONSIDERATION (ASSUMING NO RESPONSE HAS BEEN GIVEN) IN WASHINGTON AND AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME WE WILL BE RESPONDING TO IT. I WOULD ADD ONLY THAT THE AIDE MEMOIRE REPEATED ITEMS THAT HAVE BEEN SUBJECTS OF EARLIER CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN U.S. AND GDR OFFICIALS.

Q: DO YOU FORESEE AN EXPANSION IN TRADE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE GDR?

A: THERE HAS BEEN A CONSIDERABLE EXPANSION IN THE VOLUME OF TRADE BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE GDR IN RECENT YEARS. MOST OF THIS EXPANSION HAS RESULTED FROM LARGE SALES OF U.S. FEED GRAINS TO THE GDR. I BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THERE IS POTENTIAL ALSO FOR EXPANSION OF TRADE IN MANUFACTURED GOODS AND INDUSTRIAL PLANTS AND EQUIPMENT. WE WILL SEEK TO ENCOURAGE THIS TRADE TO THE BENEFIT OF BOTH COUNTRIES.

Q: ARE ANY HIGH-LEVEL GDR-U.S. CONTACTS LIKELY IN THE NEAR

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FUTURE; FOR EXAMPLE, WILL SECRETARY VANCE SEE FOREIGN MINISTER FISCHER AT THE UNGA THIS FALL?

A: WITHOUT TRYING TO DEFINE WHAT IS OR IS NOT A HIGH-LEVEL CONTACT, I CAN ONLY SAY THE SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE IS A BUSY ONE, BUT NOT YET COMPLETE AS FAR AS I KNOW. SO I AM NOT

IN A POSITION TO STATE WHETHER THEY WILL MEET THIS FALL.
END QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

8. PROCEDURAL ASPECTS OF AMBASSADOR'S PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS TO MR. HONECKER. THE FIRST PART OF THE CEREMONY TAKES PLACE IN FRONT OF THE COUNCIL OF STATE BUILDING AND WILL BE COVERED BY GDR TV AND PRESS. THEY WILL ALSO COVER THE CEREMONY INSIDE THE BUILDING. WESTERN MEDIA WILL BE ABLE TO COVER ONLY THE OUTSIDE CEREMONY.

9. THE AMBASSADOR WILL BE MET BY JAHSKOWSKI ON ARRIVAL AT THE BUILDING. DRESS IS DARK BUSINESS SUIT. A GDR MILITARY HONOR GUARD, A FLAG CONTINGENT, AND A MILITARY BAND WILL PLAY THE U.S. AND GDR NATIONAL ANTHEMS. THE COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE HONOR GUARD THEN APPROACHES THE AMBASSADOR AND PRESENTS THE ORDER OF THE DAY. THE AMBASSADOR NODS TO THE FLAGS AND REVIEWS THE HONOR GUARD BEFORE BEING ACCCOMPANIED INTO THE COUNCIL OF STATE BUILDING BY JAHSNOWSKI. (WE SEE NO WAY TO AVOID THE MILITARY ASPECTS OF THE CEREMONY; AMBASSADOR COOPER WENT THROUGH THE SAME

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CEREMONY.) EMBASSY STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT AT THE CEREMONY FOLLOW THE AMBASSADOR INTO THE BUILDING.

10. THE ACCREDITATION CEREMONY. JAHSNOWSKI ACCOMPANIES THE AMBASSADOR TO THE RECEPTION HALL WHERE HONECKER IS WAITING, TOGETHER WITH THE FOLLOWING GDR OFFICIALS: THE SECRETARY OF THE COUNCIL OF STATE (MR. EICHLER); A DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER (DR. GRUNERT); AND THE HEAD OF THE MFA USA DIVISION (DR. GEYER).

11. THERE ARE NO FORMAL WRITTEN OR ORAL STATEMENTS DURING THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY. THE AMBASSADOR PRESENTS HIS LETTERS OF CREDENCE TO HONECKER WITH ONE OR TWO SENTENCES EXPRESSING HIS PLEASURE AT HAVING THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET MR. HONECKER AND TO WORK FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF RELATIONS WITH THE GDR. HONECKER USUALLY RESPONDS WITH A FEW INFORMAL WORDS, SHAKING HANDS WITH THE AMBASSADOR, WHO THEN INTRODUCES HIS STAFF TO HONECKER. AFTER THIS CEREMONY, HONECKER ESCORTS THE AMBASSADOR TO AN ADJOINING ROOM FOR A CONVERSATION, WHICH NORMALLY LASTS FROM 20 TO 30 MINUTES. PRESENT FROM THE GDR SIDE DURING THIS MEETING ARE THE SECRETARY OF THE COUNCIL OF STATE AND A DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER, AND THE GDR TRANSLATOR. NO ONE FROM THE EMBASSY STAFF, ACCORDING TO GDR PROTOCOL, ACCOMPANIES THE AMBASSADOR TO THIS MEETING.

12. IN ANTICIPATION OF AMBASSADOR BOLEN'S MEETING WITH HONECKER, WE HAVE REVIEWED CAREFULLY THE THREE MEETINGS

FORMER AMBASSADOR COOPER HAD WITH HONECKER WHEN THE
LATTER WAS ONLY PARTY CHIEF (75BERLIN 5316, 75BERLIN
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MESSAGES THAT HONECKER PREFERS TO DEVOTE PART OF HIS
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OPENING PRESENTATION TO A TOUR D'HORIZON, THE DOMESTIC
PROGRESS THE GDR HAS MADE, THE IMPORTANCE OF DETENTE, THE
NEED TO MAKE PROGRESS ON DISARMAMENT ISSUES, AND GDR
DEVOTION TO CSCE. HE HAS ALSO EXPRESSED GDR INTEREST IN
INCREASED TRADE WITH THE U.S.; DISPLEASURE OVER THE TRADE
ACT AND LACK OF MFN; AND IN EXPANDING CULTURAL AND SCIEN-
TIFIC TIES. WE ASSUME HONECKER WILL TAKE THE SAME GENERAL
APPROACH IN HIS CHIEF OF STATE FUNCTION.

13. IT WILL HAVE BEEN ONE YEAR SINCE HONECKER HAS HAD THE
OPPORTUNITY TO TALK WITH AN AMERICAN AMBASSADOR. WE EXPECT
HE WILL BE INTERESTED IN HAVING A FIRST-HAND IMPRESSION OF
PRESIDENT CARTER'S ADMINISTRATION AND HIS FOREIGN POLICY
EMPHASES, PARTICULARLY AS THEY MIGHT HAVE AN IMPACT ON
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THAN THE UNITED STATES TO IMPROVE BILATERAL RELATIONS. HE
COULD IN THIS REGARD CITE THE COOPERATION GIVEN US IN THE
REFURBISHING OF THE NEW CHANCERY AND THE RESIDENCE, THE
RESOLUTION OF HUMANITARIAN CASES, AND THEIR OFFER TO MAKE

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A SYMBOLIC SETTLEMENT ON JEWISH CLAIMS.

14. WE SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING DRAFT ORAL PRESENTATION BY THE AMBASSADOR IN RESPONSE TO HONECKER'S REMARKS (ALTHOUGH THE TENOR AND SPECIFICITY OF THE PRESENTATION COULD CHANGE IF DECISIONS ON PRM-9 AND ON A RESPONSE TO THE MAY 12 AIDE MEMOIRE ARE MADE BEFORE THE AMBASSADOR SEES HONECKER):

BEGIN TEXT.

- MR. CHAIRMAN, IT GIVES ME CONSIDERABLE PLEASURE TO MEET WITH YOU ON THIS OCCASION AND TO PRESENT MY LETTERS OF CREDENCE AS I TAKE UP THESE IMPORTANT DUTIES.

I CONSIDER IT A MATTER OF HIGH HONOR TO SUCCEED THE DISTINGUISHED AMBASSADOR COOPER, WHO I KNOW DEVOTED HIS EFFORTS TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES, AND WHOM I HAD THE PLEASURE TO MEET BEFORE LEAVING WASHINGTON. MRS. BOLEN AND I ALSO HAD THE PLEASURE OF MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR AND MRS. SIEBER FOR AN INITIAL INTRODUCTION TO THE GDR. WE VALUE THAT INTRODUCTION.

- I AM AWARE FROM MY DISCUSSIONS WITH AMBASSADOR SIEBER, AS WELL AS MEETINGS I HAVE HAD WITH RESPONSIBLE U.S. OFFICIALS IN CONNECTION WITH TAKING UP MY DUTIES,

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THAT THE GDR AND THE USA HAVE TAKEN IMPORTANT, HELPFUL STEPS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF RELATIONS, WHICH ARE ONLY THREE YEARS OLD. WE HAVE SIGNED A FISHERIES AGREEMENT, AMERICAN PORTS HAVE BEEN OPENED TO GDR SHIPS, AND A NUMBER OF HUMANITARIAN CASES HAVE BEEN RESOLVED. U.S.-GDR TRADE COMMITTEES HAVE BEEN FORMED WHOSE PURPOSE IT IS TO EXPAND TRADE AND COMMERCE BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES, A GOAL WHICH MY GOVERNMENT SHARES. AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE HAS BEEN REACHED ON THE PRACTICAL DEVELOPMENT OF CULTURAL CONTACTS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. WE SEE THAT A START HAS BEEN MADE IN WHAT BOTH SIDES AGREE SHOULD BE A STEP-BY-STEP DEVELOPMENT OF RELATIONS.

- MR. CHAIRMAN, JUST AS YOU HAVE MENTIONED AREAS WHERE YOU THINK ADDITIONAL PROGRESS CAN BE AND SHOULD BE MADE TO OUR MUTUAL BENEFIT, I WOULD LIKE TO DO THE SAME. WE HAVE IN THE PAST EXPRESSED OUR APPRECIATION AT THE RESOLUTION OF HUMANITARIAN CASES INVOLVING AMERICAN CITIZENS AND THEIR GDR RELATIVES. THE U.S. CONGRESS AND THE AMERICAN PUBLIC ARE AWARE OF THIS PROGRESS, WHICH IS CONDUCIVE TO THE IMPROVEMENT OF U.S.-GDR RELATIONS. AS YOU KNOW, MR. CHAIRMAN, WE HAVE NO INTENTION TO INTERFERE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE GDR OR ANY OTHER COUNTRY. AT THE SAME TIME, I WOULD LIKE TO STRESS THAT AMERICANS CHERISH VERY DEEPLY CERTAIN RIGHTS, MANY OF WHICH CORRESPOND TO PROVISIONS SET DOWN IN THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO TRAVEL AND TO BE UNITED WITH ONE'S RELATIVES AND LOVED ONES.

- WHILE A NUMBER OF HUMANITARIAN CASES HAVE BEEN SATISFACTORILY RESOLVED, WE REGRET THE SAME HAS NOT BEEN SO IN INSTANCES OF ILLNESS AND EMERGENCIES IN WHICH GDR RESIDENTS HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO OBTAIN PERMISSION TO TRAVEL

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TO VISIT THEIR RELATIVES AND LOVED ONES IN THE UNITED STATES ON URGENT FAMILY MATTERS. WE FIND THIS DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND BECAUSE OF THE HUMANITARIAN NATURE OF THESE CASES--MANY INVOLVING ELDERLY PERSONS--AND PARTICULARLY BECAUSE, IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING ASSURANCES WERE GIVEN THAT SUCH CASES WOULD BE HANDLED EXPEDITIOUSLY. IN THE INTEREST OF IMPROVING U.S.-GDR RELATIONS AND OF IMPLEMENTING PROVISIONS OF THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT, I HOPE THAT WE CAN MAKE PROGRESS IN THIS AREA AS WELL AS CONTINUE EXPEDITIOUSLY TO RESOLVE FAMILY REUNIFICATION CASES AND THOSE INVOLVING MARRIAGES OF U.S. AND GDR CITIZENS.

- I ALSO CONSIDER IT A MATTER OF CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE TO SEE WHAT CAN BE DONE TO MOVE AHEAD ON CONSULAR CONVENTION NEGOTIATIONS, WHERE THERE HAS BEEN NO MOVEMENT FOR WELL OVER A YEAR SINCE WE PRESENTED OUR DRAFT CONVENTION BASED ON THREE ROUNDS OF NEGOTIATIONS. THE POSITIONS OF BOTH OF OUR GOVERNMENTS ON THE ISSUES STILL OUTSTANDING ARE KNOWN. BUT I WOULD HOPE THAT BOTH SIDES CAN TAKE A FRESH LOOK AT THESE MATTERS, HOPEFULLY FIRST IN AN INFORMAL WAY, TO SEE WHAT COULD BE DONE TO BRING THIS MATTER TO A PROMPT AND SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION, WHILE RESPECTING THE INTERESTS OF BOTH SIDES.

- I WOULD ALSO HOPE THAT WE CAN TAKE STEPS IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS SETTLEMENT. WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO BOTH SIDES FOR COMPETENT OFFICIALS OF OUR GOVERNMENTS TO MEET TO GAIN AN ACCURATE PICTURE OF HOW THE CLAIMS PROCESS WORKS IN THE GDR AND IN THE USA. WE

THINK SUCH A MEETING COULD FACILITATE FUTURE FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS. THEREFORE, WE PROPOSE AGAIN THAT APPROPRIATE U.S. OFFICIALS COME TO THE GDR OR RECEIVE APPROPRIATE GDR OFFICIALS IN THE NEAR FUTURE FOR INFORMAL TALKS.
AT THE SAME TIME, WE HOPE DISCUSSIONS WILL BE RESUMED

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BETWEEN APPROPRIATE ORGANIZATIONS IN THE MATTER OF JEWISH CLAIMS, THE RESOLUTION OF WHICH WE WOULD WELCOME AS CONTRIBUTING TO BETTER RELATIONS.

- WE HAVE WITNESSED A CERTAIN EXPANSION OF TRADE BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES IN RECENT YEARS, INCLUDING IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS. WE REMAIN READY TO BE A STEADY SUPPLIER OF SUCH PRODUCTS OVER THE COMING YEARS. THE EXPANSION OF CONTACTS BETWEEN APPROPRIATE FIRMS AND ORGANIZATIONS OF OUR TWO COUNTRIES HAS ALSO CONTRIBUTED TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF TRADE. WE BELIEVE THIS APPROACH IS THE BEST ONE AT THE PRESENT TIME. IN THIS REGARD, WE WELCOME THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE U.S.-GDR TRADE COUNCILS AND WE WILL ALSO GIVE PROMPT, SYMPATHETIC ATTENTION TO REQUESTS TO OPEN GDR FOREIGN TRADE ORGANIZATION OFFICES IN THE UNITED STATES.

- IT IS OUR CONVICTION THAT BOTH SIDES CAN MOVE FORWARD IN SUCH AREAS AS ACADEMIC, SCIENTIFIC, CULTURAL, AND SPORTS EXCHANGES. A START HAS BEEN MADE, BOTH ON THE OFFICIAL AS WELL AS ON THE PRIVATE LEVEL, AND WE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGE SUCH CONTACTS. WE REGRET IT HAS NOT BEEN POSSIBLE TO IMPLEMENT SEVERAL OF THE PROPOSALS WE MADE FOR 1977 IN TERMS OF AMERICAN CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS IN THE GDR, AND HOPE THAT PROGRESS CAN BE MADE ON THESE PRO-

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POSALS IN THE COMING MONTHS SO THAT THEY CAN BE CARRIED OUT IN EARLY 1978. I AM CONFIDENT THAT THE CARRYING OUT OF THESE EFFORTS WILL GIVE AN IMPETUS TO THE FUTURE EXPANSION OF OUR CULTURAL CONTACTS, AS WILL THE IMPORTANT EXHIBITS FROM THE DRESDEN MUSEUMS IN THE UNITED STATES IN 1978.

- MR. CHAIRMAN, I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THE PRESENTATION OF THE VIEWS OF YOUR GOVERNMENT ON U.S.-GDR RELATIONS AND TO ASSURE YOU THAT MY GOVERNMENT FAVORS THE CONTINUED IMPROVEMENT OF RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. IT IS MY INTENTION TO DEVOTE MY EFFORTS HERE TO THAT GOAL. I AM CONFIDENT THAT, WITH THE KIND OF ACCESS IN THE FUTURE AMBASSADOR COOPER AND MEMBERS OF THE EMBASSY STAFF HAVE ENJOYED IN THE PAST WITH OFFICIALS OF YOUR COUNTRY, WE WILL BE ABLE TO CONTINUE TO IMPROVE MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND TO BUILD GOOD RELATIONS. (IN THE EVENT HONECKER EXPRESSES CONCERN THAT THE PRESIDENT'S FOREIGN POLICIES ARE ENDANGERING DETENTE, THE AMBASSADOR MAY WANT TO RESPOND ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES:

- IN CONCLUSION, MR. CHAIRMAN, I WANT TO ASSURE YOU THAT PRESIDENT CARTER'S COMMITMENTS TO TURNING DOWN THE STRATEGIC ARMS RACE AND TO HUMAN RIGHTS ARE SINCERE AND DEEP AND REFLECT STRONGLY-HELD OPINION IN THE UNITED STATES. THE PRESIDENT ENUMERATED CLEARLY HIS POSITION ON THESE MATTERS IN A SPEECH ON JULY 21 AT WHICH TIME HE STRESSED HIS ARMS PROPOSALS DO NOT INVOLVE A SACRIFICE OF SECURITY; RATHER ALL OF THEM ARE MEANT TO INCREASE THE SECURITY OF BOTH SIDES. WE ARE SEEKING, IN A WORD, GENUINE ACCOMMODATION. WITH RESPECT TO OUR HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY, THE PRESIDENT STATED THERE ARE NO HIDDEN MEANINGS IN OUR COMMITMENT. THE POLICY IS ADDRESSED TO ALL COUNTRIES

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EQUALLY, INCLUDING OUR OWN. AND IT IS SPECIFICALLY NOT DESIGNED TO HEAT UP THE ARMS RACE OR BRING BACK THE COLD WAR. IN EXPLAINING HIS POLICIES, THE PRESIDENT OBSERVED THAT HE SHARED THE HOPE AND BELIEF OF MR. BREZHNEV'S RECENT STATEMENT THAT REALISM IN POLITICS AND THE WILL FOR DETENTE AND PROGRESS WILL ULTIMATELY TRIUMPH. THEREFORE, MR. CHAIRMAN, I BELIEVE THERE IS GOOD REASON TO HOPE FOR THE CONTINUING DEVELOPMENT OF DETENTE.) THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS MY VIEWS ON ISSUES THAT WILL AFFECT THE PURSUIT OF MY RESPONSIBILITIES HERE.

END PROPOSED TEXT.

THE AMBASSADOR MIGHT ALSO WISH TO REMARK ON THE FACT OF HONECKER'S 65TH BIRTHDAY ON AUGUST 25. THE EMBASSY WOULD ALSO LIKE TO DRAW AMBASSADOR BOLEN'S ATTENTION TO FORMER AMBASSADOR COOPER'S ASSESSMENT OF HONECKER AS AN INDIVIDUAL (75BERLIN 5316). WHILE CHARGE'S CONTACTS WITH HONECKER HAVE BEEN INFREQUENT AND BRIEF, HE SHARES THAT ASSESSMENT.

15. THE FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS ALSO STATED THAT, PRECEDING THE AMBASSADOR'S PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS TO HONECKER, THE AMBASSADOR WILL PAY COURTESY CALLS ON JAHNOWSKI AND FOREIGN MINISTER FISCHER. IF THE AMBASSADOR WISHES, THE DCM CAN ACCOMPANY HIM IN THESE MEETINGS. THE CALL ON JAHNOWSKI IS FOR THE PURPOSE OF GOING OVER DETAILS OF THE ACCREDITATION CEREMONY. THE CALL ON FISCHER WILL PROBABLY BE SOMEWHAT MORE SUBSTANTIVE. IN ALL LIKELIHOOD, HE WILL BE MOST INTERESTED IN LEARNING WHETHER THE SECRETARY WILL BE PREPARED TO RECEIVE HIM AT SOME POINT DURING THE U.N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY THIS FALL (BERLIN 6450). IF WE HAVE NOT YET RESPONDED TO THE MAY 12 AIDE MEMOIRE BY THEN,

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HE PRESUMABLY WILL WANT TO KNOW WHEN ONE WILL BE FORTH-COMING AND THE GENERAL DIRECTION IT MIGHT TAKE. IN GENERAL, WE ASSUME THE AMBASSADOR'S REMARKS ON U.S.-GDR RELATIONS WOULD BE ALONG THE LINES OF THOSE SUGGESTED FOR HONECKER. WE HAVE NOT FOUND FISCHER A PARTICULARLY FORTH-COMING OR EASY PERSON TO DEAL WITH, AS IS INDICATED IN 76BERLIN 6749.

16. IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE CALLS, THE MFA PROTOCOL SECTION HAS SUGGESTED THAT, FOLLOWING THE AMBASSADOR'S PRE-

SENTATION OF CREDENTIALS TO HONECKER, THE FOLLOWING COURTESY CALLS WOULD BE APPROPRIATE: WILLI STOPH, CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS; HORST SINDEMANN, PRESIDENT OF THE VOLKSKAMMER; HORST SOELLE, MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE; AND ERHARD KRACK, THE GOVERNING MAYOR OF (EAST) BERLIN. WE ASSUME THESE CALLS WOULD TAKE PLACE OVER A PERIOD OF A WEEK TO TEN DAYS. THE MFA HAS INDICATED IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO ARRANGE A CALL ON SOELLE BEFORE THE LEIPZIG FAIR (SEPTEMBER 4-11). THE EMBASSY IS PREPARING DRAFT TALKING POINTS FOR THESE CALLS FOR INCLUSION IN THE AMBASSADOR'S BRIEFING BOOK. IF THE AMBASSADOR WISHES, WE COULD TRANSMIT THESE BY CABLE BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE FOR BERLIN. WE NOTE IN CONNECTION WITH A POSSIBLE COURTESY CALL ON KRACK THAT THE DEPARTMENT APPROVED SUCH A CALL FOR AMBASSADOR COOPER (75STATE 31583). IS THIS STILL THE

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DEPARTMENT'S POSITION? WE UNDERSTAND THE FRENCH AND BRITISH AMBASSADORS HAVE ALSO PAID BRIEF COURTESY CALLS ON KRACK. THE EMBASSY IS OF THE VIEW THE AMBASSADOR SHOULD SEEK TO PAY CALL ON A NUMBER OF OTHER OFFICIALS AND IS INCLUDING SUGGESTED INDIVIDUALS AND DRAFT TALKING POINTS IN HIS BRIEFING BOOK. POLANSKY

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